

month after a courageous battle with cancer. John lived a full life with a deep commitment to service.

John served with Tempe Fire Medical Rescue for twenty years. He responded to countless emergencies and delivered lifesaving care to thousands of Arizonans. He served several roles, from paramedic to captain, to engineer, and took pride in mentoring younger firefighters. Colleagues remember his solid judgment, quick thinking, and a steady presence he brought to even the most difficult calls. His last assignment, Engine 273 at Station 3, was a place where he earned the respect and friendship of everyone he served with.

John's dedication to the people of Tempe extended far beyond the calls he answered. A proud graduate of Tempe High School, he knew the neighborhoods, families, and history of this community as well as anyone. Fellow firefighters describe the warmth he brought into every room, the humor that lifted spirits on hard days, and the genuine kindness that made people feel seen and appreciated. He was the kind of public servant who led by example, placing others first and treating every person with respect and dignity.

Love of country and a belief in service shaped his life well before joining the fire department. As a United States Marine, John embodied courage, discipline, and devotion to country. He brought those values with him throughout his life and showed tremendous work ethic, passion, and pride in helping others. He possessed those same traits as a husband, father, and friend. Outside the firehouse, he found joy in the outdoors, whether hunting, fishing, camping, cooking, or golfing with the people he loved.

John is survived by his wife, Liana; his children, John Jr. and Maya; his parents, Robert and Nora; his sister, Elizabeth, and her children, PJ and Brooke. He leaves behind extended family, fellow Marines, and generations of firefighters who admire his character and carry his example into their own service.

Tempe is a better place because of John. He saved lives and selflessly uplifted those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Arizona, I extend my deepest condolences to his family and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a firefighter, veteran, husband, father, and friend whose life reflects the very best of public service.

HONORING KIM JONES LANG

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Miami-Dade County Police Officer Kim Jones Lang.

Kim Jones was born on October 16, 1958, in Miami, Florida, as the beloved firstborn child of Nina Jo Clark Jones and Thomas Jones, Jr.

Raised in a home filled with faith, devotion, and love, Kim embodied the strong Christian values instilled in her by her family, living a life of kindness, integrity, and unwavering dedication to serving others.

In matters of the heart, Officer Lang was blessed to share 43 years of marriage with her

devoted husband, Reverend Bernard Lang, with whom she built a life rooted in love and faith. Their union was blessed with two cherished sons, Justin and Julian, whom she nurtured with boundless love, wisdom, and encouragement.

Officer Lang dedicated her professional career to public service, joining the Miami-Dade Police Department, where she served with honor, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to protecting the citizens of Miami-Dade County, ultimately retiring in 2012 after an esteemed career.

Officer Lang's faith was the foundation of her life, having first joined the Greater New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church before continuing her faithful service at New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, where she stood beside her husband in his pastoral leadership.

Officer Lang will always be remembered as a beacon of love, warmth, and generosity, whose presence brightened the lives of all who knew her. Kim's compassion extended beyond her family to the broader community, and her legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

Kim Jones Lang leaves a rich legacy in the hearts and minds of her devoted Husband, Bernard Lang; Sons, Justin Lang and Julian Lang; Sisters, Pamela Jones, Maria Jones, Chantel Jones-Whyte; and Brother, Thomas Chauncey Jones, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, please join me as I am honored to recognize the life and legacy of Kim Jones Lang as an expression of my deepest sympathy and respect for a life well-lived and a soul well-loved.

HONORING MAJOR LILIBETH F. GOLDSHINE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major Lilibeth F. Goldshine, a decorated veteran and dedicated educator whose lifelong commitment to service and leadership continues to inspire our community.

Major Goldshine served in the U.S. Army from 1976 to 1997, including a tour of duty in Berlin where she earned the National Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star. Throughout her career, she exemplified courage, dedication, and resilience in service to our Nation.

Since retiring from active duty, Major Goldshine has continued her mission of service by leading the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program in Indianapolis Public Schools for nearly 25 years. Through her mentorship and teaching, she has instilled discipline, leadership, and a sense of responsibility in countless young people, preparing them to face life's challenges with integrity and confidence.

Major Goldshine is a pillar in the community, a role model for women veterans whose stories of service and sacrifice often go unrecognized. Her dedication embodies the spirit of the Sheila Corcoran Hoosier Women Hero Award, which honors outstanding Hoosier women veterans whose contributions to our community and Nation that are unmatched.

Major Goldshine was a recipient of this award over the summer, and now, I am honored to cement her legacy in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Major Lilibeth F. Goldshine for her exceptional service to our country, her unwavering commitment to education, and her lasting impact on the lives of Indianapolis youth. Her leadership and resilience continue to strengthen our community and inspire future generations.

HONORING NIMBUS ARTS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nimbus Arts as it celebrates its 20th anniversary. Founded in 2005 by Jamie Graff and Dana Johnson, Nimbus Arts has become an intrinsic part of our community, providing art education and fostering creative expression throughout our Napa Valley.

The idea for Nimbus Arts was born out of a deeply personal experience. When Ms. Johnson's daughter was undergoing treatment at UCSF Children's Hospital, she witnessed the healing power of art through the hospital's family art programs. Wanting to bring that same sense of connection and creativity to her own community, Ms. Johnson partnered with fellow Napa Valley resident Jamie Graff and Janet Pagano, Executive Director of The Cantus Fund, to create an accessible, community-serving art center. Ms. Graff took on the role of Executive Director, and Nimbus Arts was launched in 2005, operating at first from borrowed spaces in churches and schools.

Today, Nimbus Arts has grown into a \$1.7 million enterprise with three well-equipped studios, including a dedicated ceramics and metal arts facility. The organization offers more than 800 classes and events annually to a diverse group of students, from toddlers to retirees. The organization works within public school systems providing arts activities on campuses and also works in court and community schools, including at Napa's Juvenile Hall, where art serves as a tool for self-expression and emotional exploration. Through its Hundreds of Hands initiative, Nimbus Arts coordinates large-scale community-based free public art projects throughout Napa Valley. The organization employs more than 40 artist instructors, many of whom have been with Nimbus since its founding.

Nimbus Arts' success is a direct reflection of the vision and dedication of its co-founders. Under Ms. Graff's leadership as Executive Director, Nimbus Arts has developed classes, camps, and workshops across disciplines ranging from painting and glass fusing to sewing and culinary arts. She also launched the Nim+BUS, a mobile art studio that delivers hands-on art experiences to schools and community events across our Napa County. Ms. Graff also worked with the board and staff to establish NIMBASH, the organization's annual gala and fundraiser. Her leadership has helped make Nimbus Arts a hub of creativity and collaboration, earning her recognition as Napa County's 2015 Arts Hero. Ms. Johnson

has served as Board President since Nimbus Arts' founding, bringing business, marketing, and fundraising expertise to the organization. She plays an active role in its ongoing success, participating in NIMBASH and serving on the Finance, Fundraising, and Vision Committees. Beyond Nimbus Arts, Ms. Johnson has also served as a Board Commissioner for the St. Helena Public Library and held positions with The Alex Fund, The Alpheios Project, and The Cantus Fund.

Supporting local artists through meaningful employment and exhibition opportunities remains central to Nimbus Arts' mission. Ms. Graff is currently leading expansion efforts in south Napa, including the establishment of a new studio and a partnership with the Napa Valley Education Foundation to bring arts programming to the Foundation's new Discovery Campus. In recognition of its contributions to community life, Nimbus Arts was named St. Helena's Non-Profit of the Year in 2020.

Mr. Speaker, for 20 years, Nimbus Arts has served as a vibrant hub for community members of all ages and backgrounds to enrich their lives through art. The Nimbus Arts team's commitment to making art accessible to everyone has transformed countless lives and I am so grateful for their dedication to our community. I look forward to watching this creative community continue to grow for the next 20 years and beyond. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LUCILLE HOBACK BOGGESS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and work of Bedford County icon Lucille Hoback Boggess, who passed away on November 19, 2025, at the age of 96.

On June 8, 1929, Ms. Hoback Boggess was born into the Hoback family. The Bedford County family would eventually consist of 7 children.

While Ms. Hoback Boggess was attending Bedford High School, some of the Hobacks were serving the United States Armed Forces during World War II.

Unbeknownst to her, as Ms. Hoback Boggess was preparing to celebrate her 15th birthday in Bedford, Virginia, her brothers Bedford and Raymond were preparing for a heroic mission to break Fortress Europe and push back against Nazi tyranny.

Two days before her birthday, Bedford and Raymond stormed Omaha Beach as part of Company A, 116th Regiment, 29th Division. They were at the point of the spear of the Allied D-Day landings in Normandy.

While Allied forces would prevail over their enemies, Bedford and Raymond would lose their lives that day on Omaha Beach. Her brothers were two of the 20 lives lost from Bedford, Virginia.

The Bedford community suffered the most deaths per capita than any other American community on June 6, 1944. Today, these patriots are better remembered as the Bedford Boys.

Ms. Hoback Boggess and their family would not learn of their brothers' deaths for weeks.

While enduring this family hardship, Ms. Hoback Boggess sustained her educational progress. She graduated from Bedford High School and later attended Lynchburg's Phillips Business College.

Following these experiences, Ms. Hoback Boggess pursued a lengthy career with the Bedford County Commissioner of Revenue's office. She developed great institutional knowledge from working for the Commissioner of Revenue, helping prepare state and federal tax returns and eventually running much of the daily office activities.

Thanks to this work, Ms. Hoback Boggess believed she could serve the County in an enhanced role. And the people of Bedford County believed in her.

In 1967, Bedford County residents elected Ms. Hoback Boggess as Commissioner of Revenue. She was the first-ever woman elected to countywide office in Bedford County.

As a popular official, Ms. Hoback Boggess continued to earn the trust of Bedford County residents. Her leadership as Commissioner of Revenue continued for decades.

In 1991, Bedford County entrusted Ms. Hoback Boggess with a new office. She was elected to the Board of Supervisors with a resounding 3-to-1 margin. Ms. Hoback Boggess once again made history, becoming the first female to serve the Bedford County Board of Supervisors, eventually becoming Chairman.

A 1997 Roanoke Times article credits Ms. Hoback Boggess as Bedford County's most popular and skilled elected official with reputations as a compassionate listener, moderator and peacemaker.

Ms. Hoback Boggess' service to Bedford County spanned over 60 years. While her public service alone would be worthy of commendation, one of her most cherished and celebrated roles was her help in remembering the sacrifices of her brothers.

Ms. Hoback Boggess dedicated significant attention, time, and effort to engage, memorialize, and pay respects to those who served on D-Day, including her two brothers. Her help along with Bob Slaughter culminated in the founding and creation of the National D-Day Memorial, located in Bedford, Virginia.

It was during this time that I had the honor of meeting Ms. Hoback Boggess when my friend Delegate Lacey Putney introduced me to her while she was lobbying Virginia's General Assembly to support state funding for the National D-Day Memorial.

The National D-Day Memorial is a significant symbol for Virginia. It represents service, grit, honor, sacrifice and much more.

Not only did Ms. Hoback Boggess cherish her brothers, but she dutifully tended to and cared for her family. Her loving marriage to Ralph Boggess lasted nearly 60 years, cut short by his death in 2007. Ms. Hoback Boggess is survived by her children: Carl (Lynn), Ann (Dwayne), John (Ryan), and David (Robin). She is also survived by grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, former tax customers, and fans around the world.

Today, we celebrate the inspirational legacy of Ms. Lucille Hoback Boggess. Her remarkable tenure as an elected official and National D-Day Memorial advocate are to be commended. I join Bedford County and Virginia in mourning the loss of this beloved figure.

HONORING KIONNE L. MCGHEE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th district of the great state of Florida, I rise today to honor Commissioner Kionne McGhee for his philanthropy and commitment to at-risk youth. On behalf of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, I am proud to present a Congressional Award in recognition of his exceptional leadership and dedication to Miami-Dade County.

Each year, we have the privilege of acknowledging distinguished Role Model Mentors, and it is with great pleasure that I congratulate him on joining this esteemed group. His status as a graduate of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project underscores the ideals we uphold. His leadership as Vice-Chair of the Miami-Dade County Commission has been crucial in advancing equitable policies that empower our youth. His efforts to create opportunities for education and mentorship demonstrate a deep understanding of the challenges faced by many in our community.

The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project shares his vision of uplifting future leaders. His collaboration with local organizations and schools has created essential pathways for success, instilling hope in our youth. His commitment serves as an inspiration not only to those he mentors but also to his colleagues and constituents. We recognize his achievements and extend our gratitude for his tireless work to enhance the quality of life in Miami-Dade County. I congratulate him on this well-deserved honor. I look forward to our continued partnership in developing the next generation of leaders.

I now recognize Role Model Miami-Dade Commissioner Mr. Kionne McGhee as a distinguished role model. As a proud alumnus of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Program, Mr. McGhee has successfully transformed from a past characterized by challenges to becoming one of the program's most accomplished and dedicated mentors. In his capacity as Vice-Chair of the Miami-Dade County Commission, his leadership has been pivotal in advancing policies that foster equity, education, and empowerment for all community members.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REQUIRE THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO INSTALL THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SEAL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce of a bill that would require the Library of Congress (LOC) to install the District of Columbia seal in the Main Reading Room of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the LOC. Specifically, the bill would require the LOC to install a stained glass panel depicting the D.C. seal among the panels depicting the seals of all the states and territories that existed when the Thomas Jefferson Building was constructed. The seals of Hawaii and Alaska are